Amendments to the Specification:

1.   Above line 1 on page 1, insert the following:

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

TRANSMISSION SEGMENTATION LOGIC IN
DATA COMMUNICATIONS INTERFACES

2.   Delete the title on line 1:
~~DATA COMMUNICATIONS INTERFACES~~

3.   Below the new title of the invention add the following:
CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to European Patent No.: EP0012292.1, filed on
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4.   Above line 3 on page 1, insert:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION
    (1) Field of the Invention

5.   Above line 6 on page 1, insert:

(2) Description of the Related Art

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6. Above line 18 on page 1, insert:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

7. Above line 10 on page 3, insert:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

8. Above line 29 on page 3, insert:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

9. Replace the original ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE on page 24 with the following:

A data communication interface for a node of a network, wherein the interface has transmission/reception segmentation logic for transmitting data frames from the node/network, respectively. The transmission segmentation logic supplies a transmission payload to a data transmission path, while the reception segmentation logic supplies reception payload to a data reception path. The transmission segmentation logic supplies header information to a transmission control path, while the reception segmentation logic supplies header information to a reception control path from the network. The communication of the payload data on the transmission and reception paths are controlled, respectively, by a transmission control processor using the header information in the transmission control path and by a reception control processor using the header information in the reception control path.

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